



United States  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region IX  
Clean Water Act §319(h)

Water Division  
Tribal Office  
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## ***Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants***

*The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program is to assist Federally recognized Indian Tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results.*

**Funding:** Nationally, approximately **\$7M** will be allocated to fund CWA §319 Tribal programs, the same funding level as FY2006.<sup>1</sup> This will allow awards of **\$30K** (land area less than 1,000 sq. miles) or **\$50K** (land area more than 1,000 sq. miles) in base funding to eligible Tribes. The remaining funds will be awarded to eligible Tribes through a national competition to support the implementation of priority “on-the-ground” watershed projects that will lead to water quality improvements (up to **\$150K** per project).

### **Eligible Activities** (but not limited to):

- Implementing the Tribe’s approved Nonpoint Source (NPS) management program;
- Implementing physical measures or management measures (BMPs) that will reduce or eliminate NPS pollution in receiving water bodies, resulting in water quality benefits;
- Implementing “on-the-ground” watershed projects (i.e., stream restoration, revegetation, buffer strips, installing gabions, tree planting, removal of invasive/non-native species, and more);
- Developing and implementing a watershed based plan;
- Conducting NPS education programs;
- Hiring qualified staff;
- Training and travel.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

#### ***Federally Recognized Indian Tribes***

#### **CWA §319 Grant Program Eligibility**

##### **Requirements:**

Tribes must have an approved NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan and meet the following Financial Assistance Eligibility (FAE) requirements by October 13, 2006:

1. Federal recognition;
2. Substantial governmental duties and powers;
3. Legal authority and jurisdiction over Tribal lands or reservation;
4. Capability to carry out functions to be exercised in the manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the Clean Water Act and all applicable regulations.



Streambank restoration to reduce sedimentation into Forsythe Creek - Coyote Valley

<sup>1</sup>Pending issuance of final FY2007 Tribal NPS Guidelines

## Watershed-Based Plans:

EPA strongly encourages Tribes to use CWA §319 funding for the development and/or implementation of watershed-based plans to protect unimpaired waters and restore NPS-impaired waters. EPA believes that watershed-based plans provide the best means for preventing and resolving NPS problems and threats. Watershed-based plans provide a coordinating framework for solving water quality problems by providing a specific geographic focus, integrating strong partnerships, integrating strong science and data, and coordinating priority setting and integrated solutions.\*

## The Application Process:

**BASE PROJECT FUNDING:** A workplan, budget, and schedule consistent with the Tribe's approved NPS management plan that describes the activities and outputs to be funded and the expected environmental results.

**COMPETITIVE PROJECT FUNDING:** A proposal which describes the NPS problem to be addressed; the project goals and objectives; the expected water quality benefits to the receiving waterbody; the "on-the-ground" management measures (BMPs) or physical measures to be implemented; the implementation schedule and budget; and expected environmental results that will be used to evaluate project success.\*

\*For more information on watershed-based plans, the required elements of the competitive proposal and the application process, refer to EPA Guidelines on awarding FY2007 CWA §319 Grants to Indian Tribes:  
<http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps>

## Schedule (subject to change):

### **DUE December 19, 2006:**

- Workplan and budget for *BASE* program.
- A proposal for *COMPETITIVE* funding.  
Submit online at [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) or mail to:\*  
US EPA Region 9 – Water Division, WTR-10  
Attn: Tiffany Eastman  
75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105

\* PER FY2007 TRIBAL NPS GUIDELINES ABSOLUTELY NO EMAIL OR FAX PROPOSALS FOR COMPETITIVE FUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**March 5, 2007:** EPA Headquarters notifies Regions and Tribes of *COMPETITIVE* project selections.

**DUE April 5, 2007:** Tribes submit final grant applications (i.e., SF-424, workplan, budget, and required forms/certifications) for *BASE and/or COMPETITIVE FUNDS* to:

US EPA Region 9  
Grants Management Office, MTS-7  
75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105

### Match Requirement

A Tribal match of 40% of the total project costs must be reflected in the workplan and budget. (Note: Pursuant to 40 CFR 35.635, the match may be reduced to as low as 10% if financial hardship can be demonstrated.) However, if the funds are included in a PPG, the match requirement may be reduced to 5% of the total allowable cost of the workplan and budget.

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